

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 4/27/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-16, 37-38, 47, 50-53 and 57-64, now as 1-17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears bellow. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as proved by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward A. Kmett (Reg. No. 42,746) on June 6, 2007.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 37 and 38 as follow:

Claim 37.. (Currently Presented) A computer ~~[[readable]]~~ storage medium, having a computer-executable program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a server computer execute a procedure to form a searchable list of network locations within a computer network, said program being executable by the server computer and the procedure comprising:

~~code for~~ monitoring bookmarking activities of a plurality of subscribers to the server computer, wherein said bookmarking activities record network identifiers corresponding to certain ones of said network locations;

~~code for~~ forming a list of the network identifiers bookmarked by individual ones of said subscribers;

~~code for~~ ordering said network identifiers in said list according to a frequency of bookmarking by said subscribers;

~~code for~~ identifying from said list a first predetermined number of highest ordered identifiers;

~~code for~~ identifying from said list a second predetermined number of lower ordered identifiers; and

~~code for~~ inserting the identified lower ordered identifiers amongst the highest ordered identifiers to thereby form the searchable list.

Claim 38. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~[[readable]]~~ storage medium according to claim 37 having a computer-executable program to make a server computer execute a procedure, the procedure further comprising:

~~code for~~ monitoring accesses by individual ones of said subscribers to said network identifiers within said list to modify said frequency; and

~~code for~~ re-ordering said list according to said modified frequency.

### ***Reasons for allowance***

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's claimed invention distinguished over the prior art for the following reasons. The claims are allowable over the prior art of record because none of the

references, either alone or in combination, discloses or renders obvious the method for forming a searchable list of network locations within a computer network, said method comprising, at a server within the network, the steps of monitoring bookmarking activities of a plurality of subscribers to the server, wherein said bookmarking activities record network identifiers corresponding to certain ones of said network locations; forming a list of the network identifiers bookmarked by individual ones of said subscribers; ordering said network identifiers in said list according to a frequency of bookmarking by said subscribers; identifying from said list a first predetermined number of highest ordered identifiers; identifying from said list a second predetermined number of lower ordered identifiers; and inserting the identified lower ordered identifiers amongst the highest ordered identifiers to thereby form the searchable list.

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any comments considering necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee.
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinsong Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3965. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jinsong Hu', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jinsong Hu

June 6, 2007